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Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

Rain Hampers Harvesting Progress

OCTOBER 17, 2005

There was one **day suitable for field work** for the week ending October 16, 2005. The wet weather did not allow farmers to make much progress with cutting **other** and **alfalfa hay**. **Alfalfa hay**, 4<sup>th</sup> cutting, is 60 percent complete, 21 percent below last year and 25 percent below the five-year average. Harvest of **corn** for grain is 84 percent complete, slightly above last year and the five-year average. Pasture greened up significantly from the rains.

Soybean harvest is beginning in some parts of Delaware. Despite the rain, **soybeans** made some progress reaching 16 percent harvested 2 percent above last year and the five-year average.

**Pasture** was rated in mostly fair condition while **hay supplies** were mostly adequate

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	79	75	75	81
Corn for Grain	84	82	90	79
Soybeans	16	14	14	14
Planting Progress:				
Barley	50	45	51	51
Winter Wheat	14	12	22	26
Crop Progress:				
Soybean Dropping Leaves	88	85	93	76
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	60	58	81	85
Other Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	11	10	75	64

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	-	75	25
Topsoil (2004)	4	9	84	3
Five Year Average	1	12	81	6
Subsoil Moisture	-	10	90	-
Subsoil (2004)	7	8	85	-
Five Year Average	3	12	82	3

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.60	41.46	8.88	77	48	62	5
Easton	1.12	38.14	2.74	77	52	62	3
Frederick	0.45	33.44	1.96	77	50	60	7
Frostburg	0.37	30.98	-6.82	66	45	55	5
Hagerstown	0.22	26.26	-4.57	74	48	60	4
Mechanicsville	2.35	34.80	-1.41	75	52	60	4
Patuxent River	0.88	33.80	-0.19	78	55	64	6
Ocean City	0.67	34.51	-1.72	78	50	64	7
Salisbury	0.39	40.07	3.22	77	47	62	5
Sharpsburg	0.79	31.44	-0.04	76	40	59	6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.24	36.89	5.95	80	53	63	3
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	2.29	41.37	5.42	77	52	62	3
Georgetown	0.92	36.33	0.83	78	52	64	7
Wilmington	1.78	31.31	-1.41	77	52	62	5

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.